

REMARKS

This is a full and timely response to the outstanding non-final Office Action mailed 08/24/2004. Consideration and allowance of the application and presently pending claims as amended, is respectfully requested.

1. Present Status of Patent Application

Upon entry of the amendments in this response, the following amended and new claims will be pending:

Original claims: 4, 5 and 6

Amended claims: 1 and 9

Cancelled claims: 2, 3, 7, 8

New claims: 10

Claims 2, 3, 7 and 8 stand cancelled. New independent claim 10 has been added. The amendments are specifically described hereinafter. It is believed that the foregoing amendments add no new matter to the present application and place the claims in condition for allowance.

2. Response to Rejections of Claims 2, 3, 8 under 35 U.S.C. §112

In the Office Action, claims 2, 3 and 8 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Claims 2,3 and 8 have now been cancelled herein. It should be noted that these claims are cancelled without prejudice, waiver, or disclaimer, and therefore, the rejection to these claims are rendered moot. Applicant takes this action merely to reduce the number of disputed issues and to facilitate early allowance and issuance of other claims in the present application. Applicant reserves the right to pursue the subject matter of these canceled claims in a continuing application, if Applicant so chooses, and does not intend to dedicate any of the canceled subject matter to the public.

Claim 9 has been amended to specify that the microphone is provided for receiving vocal input of a user.

3. Response to Rejection of Claims 1-3, 5-8 under 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 1-3, 5-8 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102 (e) as being anticipated by Tsai et al (USP 6582235).

In the interests of advancing the present case, independent claim 1 has been amended herein, to further clarify features of embodiments of the invention. More particularly, claim 1 has been amended to specify and require, among other things, a display unit that displays *lyrics contained in the memory unit in a predetermined synchronization with actuation of the keyboard*. Support for these amendments is found in the specification (see page 5, lines 14-17). The prior art does not disclose, contemplate or otherwise suggest a device having all of the limitations specified by amended claim 1. Consideration and allowance of amended claim 1 is respectfully requested.

Claims 2-7 and 9 depend from claim 1. It is important to note that in evaluating a claim for allowability, each and every limitation of the claim at issue must be considered. In the case of dependent claims, this requires that each and every limitation of the independent claim and any intervening claims, from which they depend also be considered. In view of the amendments to independent claim 1 herein, Applicants believe that claims 2-7 and 9 meet all requirements of 35 U.S.C. §102 and are otherwise in condition for allowance. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

4. Amended Claims

Claim 1 has been amended to specify, among other things, a display unit that displays *lyrics contained in the memory unit in a predetermined synchronization with actuation of the keyboard*. This claim as well as dependent claims 4, 5, 6 and 9 are believed to meet all requirements for allowance.

Claim 4 has been amended to specify, among other things, a display unit that is a pop-up screen configured to be retractable into the main body.

Claim 9 has been amended to specify, among other things, a microphone for receiving vocal input of a user.

5. **Acknowledgement**

Applicant acknowledges the prior art made of record.

CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing amendments and for at least the reasons set forth above, Applicants respectfully submit that all objections and/or rejections have been traversed, rendered moot, and/or accommodated, and that the now pending claims **1, 4, 5, 6, 9 and 10** are in condition for allowance. Favorable re-consideration and allowance of the present application and all pending claims are hereby courteously requested. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephonic conference would expedite the examination of this matter, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (678) 352-0103.

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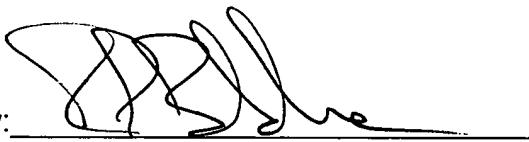
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